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TO : The Charge - Mr. Ruser
THRU : POL - Mr. King
FROM : POL - Townsend B. Friedman
SUBJECT: The Case of the Missing Montoneros

DATE: 8/19/80

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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I have been through our file on the case of the missing Montoneros in Peru and it appears to me that there is little room for doubt that the Argentine intelligence services were involved in this caper.

The following chronology, I believe, makes the case against the GOA:

- June 12 -- The Argentines were detained in Peru;
- June 16 -- A member of an Argentine intelligence service who has been quite reliable in these matters told the Embassy that the four individuals were apprehended in Peru, that they were still being held there but that they would be expelled to Bolivia from where they would be handed over to Argentina; once in Argentina they would be interrogated and then disappeared.
- June 17 -- Three or four Argentines were expelled from Peru to Bolivia.

We have no information on how they got from Bolivia to Argentina or when, but it is useful to remember the intimate relationship between Argentine intelligence services and the intelligence services in Bolivia. In addition, Peruvian Prime Minister Richter Prada told Ambassador Schlaudeman in July that the Argentines had been expelled to Bolivia and that he believed the Bolivians had probably handed them over to the Argentines. In addition, he revealed to Ambassador Schlaudeman that he had been in personal touch with Argentine Army Commander Galtieri on the matter. Galtieri had informed Richter that there could be "an interesting development" in the case early the week of July 14. Richter suggested to Ambassador Schlaudeman that Galtieri's comment might foreshadow a live appearance of the three Montoneros who the Peruvians claimed they handed over to the Bolivians.



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